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TAGS: BDIS, MO  
SUBJ: TRADE DISPUTE: COOK INDUSTRIES VS. COMPLEX TEXTILE DE FES.

1. REF: A)CASABLANCA A-34, 7/26/74 B) CASABLANCA -A-46,10/11/74

1. REFERENCED MESSAGE REPORTED TRADE DISPUTE BETWEEN COOK INDUSTRIES, LUBBOCK, TEXAS AND LE COMPLEX TEXTILE DE FES (COTEF) INVOLVING 600 TONS OF RAW COTTON VALUED AT DOLS. 916.000. ISSUE IN DISPUTE CONCERNS ALLEGED LATE SHIPMENT. PER THE CONTACT, COOK WAS TO SHIP IN EQUAL MONTHLY QUANTITIES DURING JAN/MAR 1974, BUT DUE TO SHORTAGE OF STEAMER SPACE COOK ADVISED COTEF THAT SHIPMENT COULD NOT BE MADE DURING CONTRACT PERIOD. CONSEQUENTLY, COTEF ADVISED COOK TO QUOTE SHIP SOON AS POSSIBLE UNQUOTE. SHIPMENT ARRIVED CASABLANCA JUNE 1974(DURING WHICH TIME PRICE OF COTTON DECLINED SHARPLY FROM CONTRACT PRICE) AND COTEF REFUSED TO ACCEPT DELIVERY OF COTTON ON PRETEXT OF LATE SHIPMENT. COOK REP UPON ARRIVING CASABLANCA FROM LUBBOCK INSISTED ON PAYMENT AT CONTRACT PRICE, COTEF AGREED TO PAY FOR THE COTTON PROVIDING CONTRACT PRICE RENEGOTIATED.

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONTRACT, DISPUTE SUBMITTED TO ARBITRATION AT LE HAVRE. ARBITRATION PANEL DECIDED CASE IN FAVOR OF COOK AND AWARDED ADDITIONAL DOLS. 95,000 IN INTEREST AND PENALTY. ON FEBRUARY 4 COTEF'S ATTORNEY, IN RESPONSE TO LETTER FROM COOK'S ATTORNEY, ADVISED BY LETTER THAT IT WILL NOT ABIDE BY ARBITRATION AWARD SINCE CASE ARBITRATED OUTSIDE OF MOROCCO. COOK NOW TAKING LEGAL ACTION CASABLANCA COURT TO ENFORCE AWARD AND COLLECT UNCLASSIFIED

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PAYMENT. COMMENT: MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, MINES AND

MERCHANT MARINE IS 95 PER CENT OWNER OF COTEF.BRUBECK

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